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- Five North Korean torpedo boats were sunk off the east coast of Korea on 2 July. They were part of a ten vessel squadron based at Monsan (127-26, 39-10). Specifications of the craft are as follows: 17 meters in length with 3/8 inch aluminum hulls, built at Monsan; two diesel engines with a crusing speed of 17 to 20 knots. The maximum speed is 40 to 45 knots with a maximum range at optimum speed of 200 miles. There are two crew officers and six men in each of the boats which are shaped like U. S. PT boats. The armament of the boats is as follows: four torpedos, one 12.6 machine gun mounted aft atop the pilot house, three 25 caliber rifles, and one captain's pistol. Communications equipment consists of unidentified battery-operated U.S. whice sets with a range of 80 kilocycles (sic), with a frequency of 5.5 megacycles. The sets are used ship-to-ship only and the reception is poor.
- 2. No Soviet vessels nor submarines have been at Monsan since 8 April 1950. At present there are no cargo ships at Wonsan. One North Korean artillery battalion is stationed at Wonsan.

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